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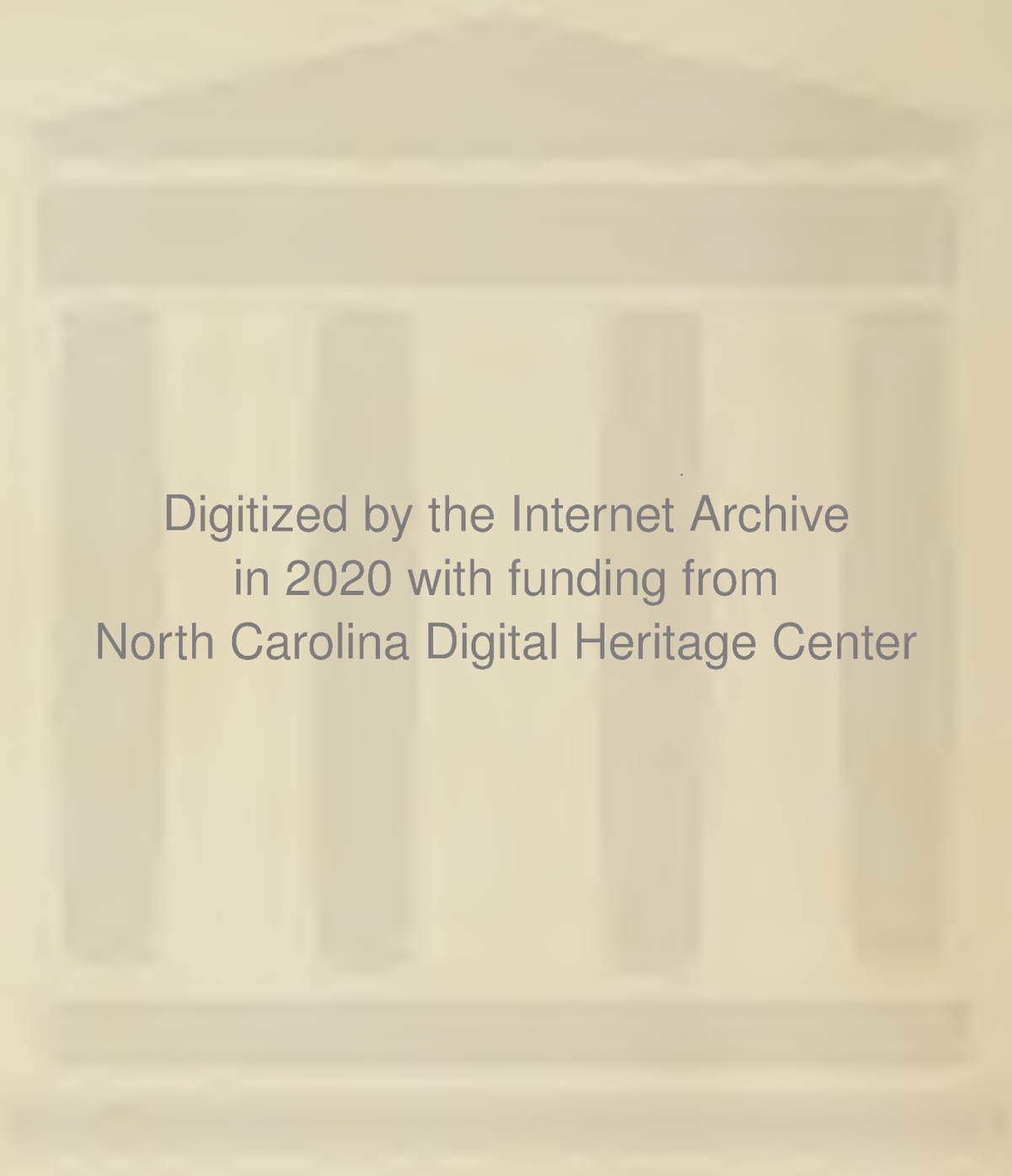

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WHISPERING POPLARS *of* 1944

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THE SENIOR CLASS OF

Dr. W. T. Griggs High School

Poplar Branch, North Carolina

Dedication

THE 1944 WHISPERING POPLARS IS

Dedicated

to

ENSIGN MURRAY CHAPPELL for his patience and work which has led us from mere "boots" to "able bodied seamen". May we think of him in our future trials and tribulations.

FACULTY

Mr. C. A. Elmore - Principal

Mrs. Marvin Fisher

Miss Druise Cashwell

Miss Winnie Ruth Davis

Band Director - Ainsworth

Mrs. W. H. Walker

Mrs. C. A. Elmore

Mrs. Norman Newbern

Miss Mary Kinsey

Mr. L. Sigsbee Miller

Mrs. Lawrence Dozier, Jr.

Senior Class History

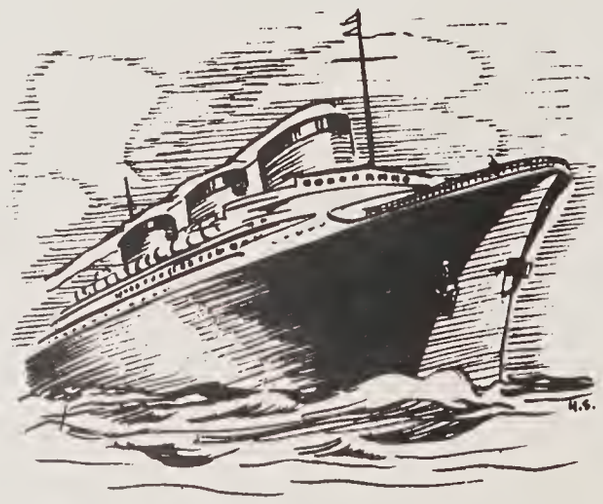
The training we have received is and will continue to be valuable to us in our future adventures. It has been brief but we hope to continue it to obtain a higher commission.

We enlised as Freshmen with a crew of 65. The sailing got rough and the outside attractions got stronger so one by one they withdrew to do something else. We missed our fellow students but we tried to fill the gap they left and carried on. We took different courses to suit our different personalities. Some failed, some succeeded but still we sailed on.

Sophomore and Junior years found us still striving to reach the top. Our number had decreased steadily but the few of us that were left fought the storms. They were always accompanied by lots of fun and jolly good times. Our Junior, Senior Prom was one of our most important events given at the old training base. We had it decorated for the big affair and to top it off we all dressed formally. The music was "hot" and the kids were "hep" and we all had a roaring good time.

Then came the end of it all; we became Seniors. We worked hard, studying, playing and planning for all we wanted to gain. This year was difficult because our supervision was changed so often. We climbed gradually from the bottom and as we came nearer our goal we became impatient. It was hard to wait to make our dream a reality but we somehow managed.

So here we are, all on deck and ready for action. We are impatient to start sailing, but we will stop long enough to say thanks to all our leaders and friends.



Mascots

Jackie Lupton Billy Barber

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

Jackie Forbes leaves her long wavy hair to Mary Leary.

Edna Hampton leaves her make-up and comb to someone who likes to primp.

Alma Hayman leaves her small and dainty figure to Erlene Gaskill.

Henry Donski leaves his way with the teachers to some on-coming senior.

Ruth Krank leaves her graceful and dainty ways to Mildred Baum.

Naomi Springle leaves her way with the sailors to Libby Credle.

Mollie Mae Forbes leaves her "baby ways" to Affie Twiford.

Raymond Caroon leaves his love for argument to T. S. Harrell III.

Maxine Newbern leaves her seriousness to Laura Mae Crockett.

Mildred Griggs leaves her comical ways to Nellie Outlaw.

Gloria Walker Dowdy leaves her success in getting a man to Mary O'Neal.

Claud O'Neal leaves the band with regret.

Helen Wright leaves her changeable mind to Ideal Helms.

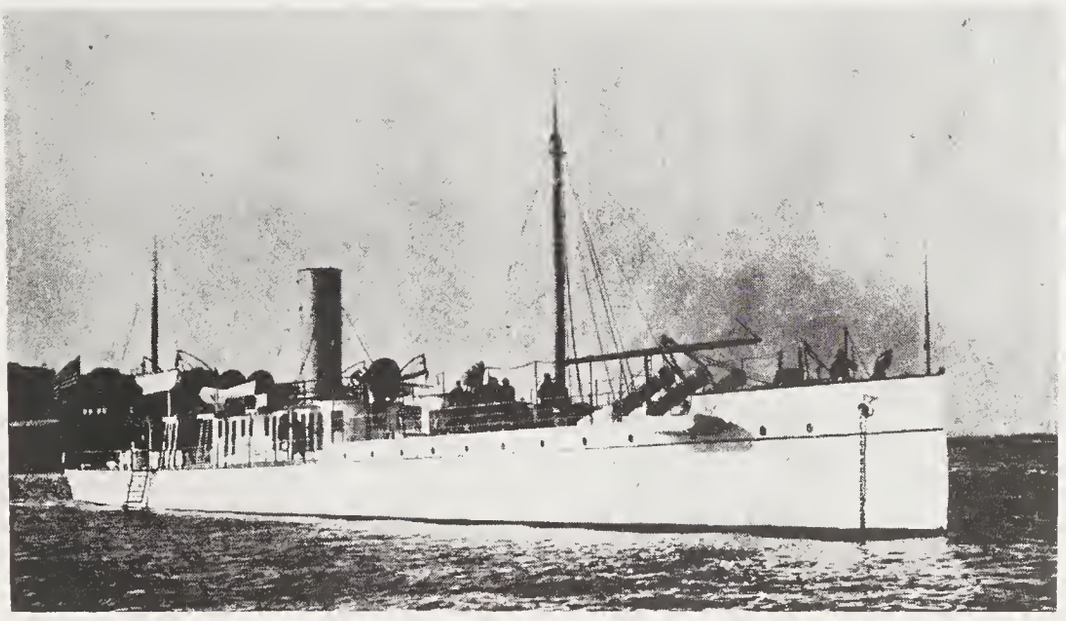
Ruth Bright leaves her office work to some on-coming high school pupil.

Annie Montague leaves her silent ways to Nan Jeanette Forbes.

Billy Jackson leaves his way with the women to Kenneth Simpson.

Mary Newbern leaves her many boy friends to some less fortunate person.

Seniors



RUTH BRIGHT

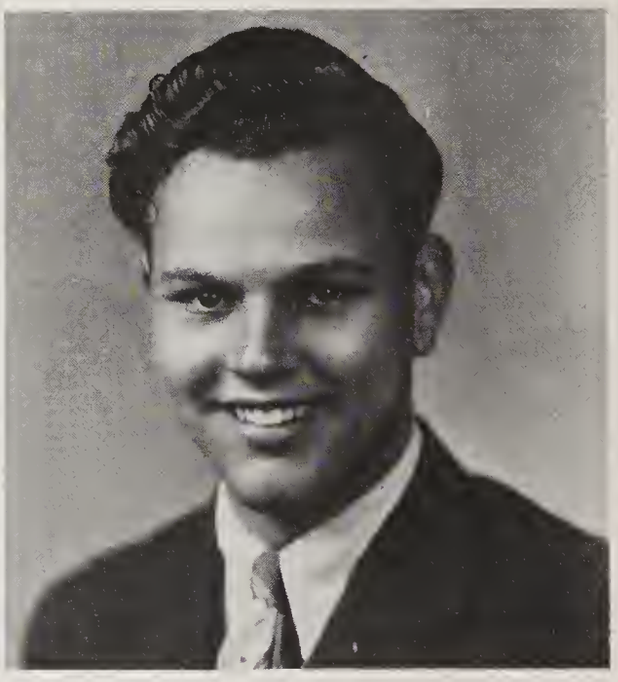
Mountain of personality. Life is a song--very energetic.

RAYMOND CAROON

Never fails to win the point. (Smooth lines.)

LAURA MAE CROCKETT

Jester of Griggs High School
2 in 1--My, what a gal!



HENRY DONSKI

Jolly good fellow, handsome
and has a weakness for
blondes.

GLORIA WALKER DOWDY

Only ambition, "to be a
housewife for a sailor."

JACQUELYN FORBES

"So You're The One" (which
one?) As likeable as she
is lovable.

MOLLIE MAE FORBES

"Snooty little cutie," happy go lucky--everybodys' friend.

MILDRED GRIGGS

Laughing eyes, wide awake grin, "In The Mood", chatter-box.

EDNA HAMPTON

Our old-fashioned girl, no-bodys' sweetie, "Scatter-brain".

ALMA HAYMAN

Innocent looks, little girl with an immense heart, small and dear.

BILLY JACKSON

"Ten o'clock scholar." I've got to study about girls--unique technique.

RUTH KRANK

Wise, willowy and winsome, bewitchingly sweet.

ANN MONTAGUE

"Honey, I'm In Love With You" (navy). "Got a Touch of Texas" in my heart.

MARY NEWBERN

Goodnatured and kind--just can't study all the time.

MAXINE NEWBERY

Great things come in small packages. (Third finger left hand.)

CLAUD O'NEAL

Dependable, true as steel.

"Oh shucks Poppy, you uster love me."

NAOMI SPRINGLE

"I promised Ken I'd wait for him."

HELEN WRIGHT

"Zero" a small stick of dynamite. Her heart's with the navy.

Geraldine Leary

Jitterbug special, wonderful gal, forever smiling.

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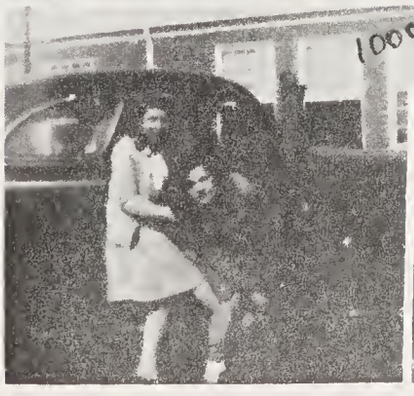
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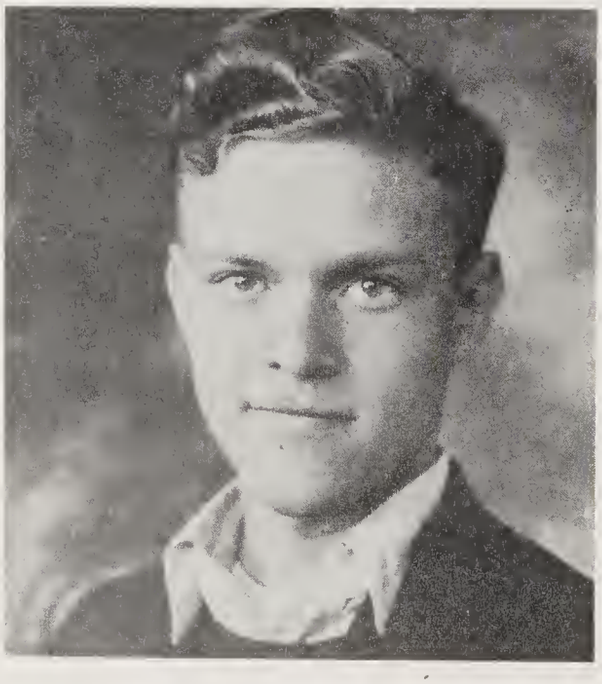
Earl Pendleton

Ernest Snow

OUR HEROES
Brave and Bold

Jack Helms



Charlie Jones

JUNIORS

First row - Ervin Ballance, Maxine Banks, Joyce Baum, Hinton Caroon
Second row- Wilson Corbell, Jeanette Crain, Libby Cradle, Betty Doxey
Third row - Loreen Dunton, Bernard Evans, Jr., Nan Jeanette Forbes, Erline Gaskill
Fourth row- Tilden Griggs, Ideal Helms, Billy Hutchins, Curtis Merrell

First row - Geraldine Palmer, Ruby Parker, Russell Sawyer, Emma Mae Snow
Second row- Earl Springle, Ruby Summrell, Affie Twiford, Mark Wright
Third row - Sydney Wright, T. S. Harrell

Juniors Without Pictures

Nellie Outlaw, Lessie Harris, Jean Walston, Billy Waterfield

Marious Owens.

Eighth Grade

Freshmen

THE STAFF

Ruth Krank
Editor

Erline Gaskill
Junior Editor

Naomi Springle
Art Director

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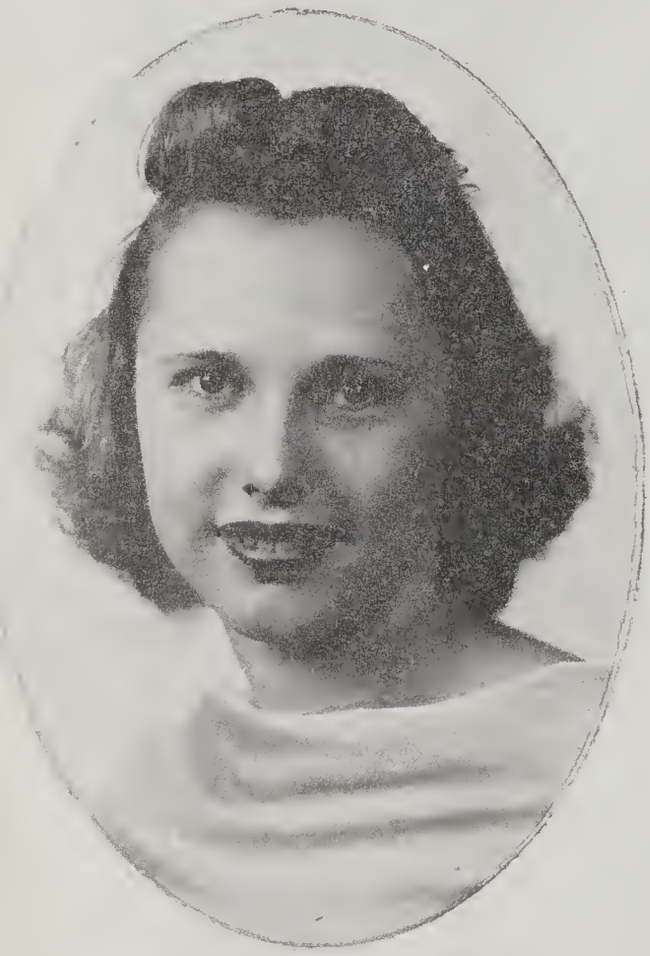
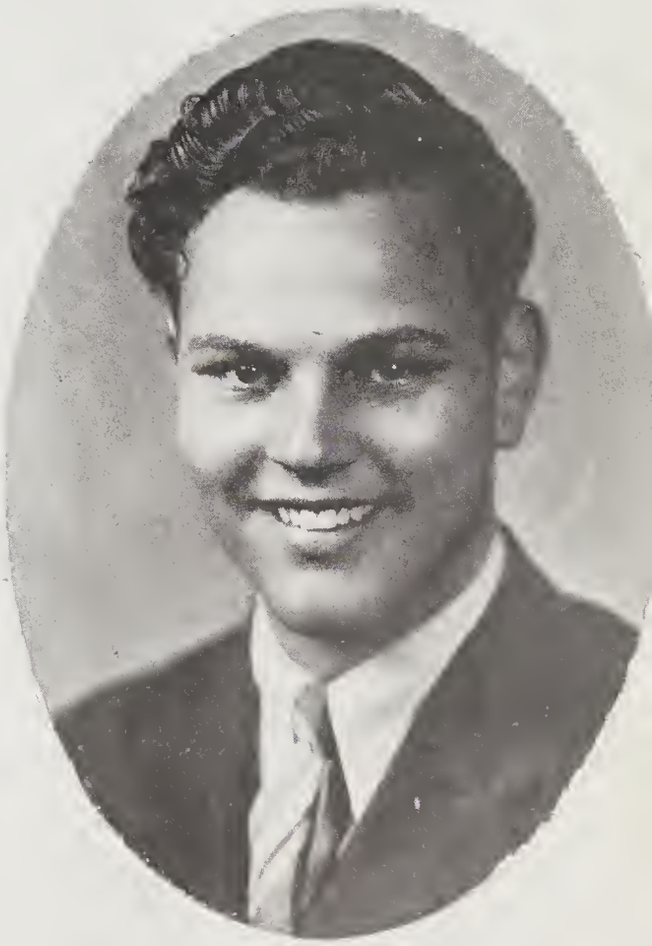
BILLY JACKSON



GLORIA WALKER DOWDY

NAOMI SPRINGLE

RUTH BRIGHT



HENRY DANSKI

RUTH KRANK

Ole Faces Familiar

Senior Play Cast

"DON'T DARKEN MY DOOR"

Billy Jackson

Gloria Walker Dowdy

Henry Donski

Claud O'Neal

Mildred Griggs

Ruth Krank

Alma Hayman

Edna Hampton

Roger Kent

Rosemary Kent

Tom Garrick

Alec Stubbins

Poppy Foster

Jane Perkins

Susie Featherstone

Louisa Featherstone

Class Prophecy

I looked again. Well it sure looked like her,but with that swanky car,fur and jewels;I had my doubts. The car stopped and out stepped a gracious lady.Gee,this was our former Miss Laura Mae Crockett.I invited her in and I soon learned she had married the grandson of Rockefeller. Not bad for our own man-hating Susie!!

She had just returned from a world tour and after questioning her;I found that she had information about all of our old classmates.

Well, Billy Jackson has just returned from a trip to South America, where he has been ambassador(still has that weakness for pretty girls!)

Henry Donski is now owner of a large fleet of merchant ships (His favorite port is still Norfolk).

Claud O'Neal became an inventor. His favorite invention is kiss-proof lipstick!

Naomi Springle, that sailor lover, finally landed her one and only "Ken". They are living in Alaska!

Ruth Krank reached her goal. She is superintendent of Duke Hospital. She still has her eye on a certain someone!

Jackie Forbes, the gas with the changable mine, is now a saleslady. She specializes in birthstone rings.

Our own Ruth Bright made her Broadway debut singing "Navy Blues".

Mildred Griggs has her little school in North Carolina. She teaches Art and Math (She has her own art, yes, you know who).

Maxine and Charlie are having a swell time rearing a lovely little son "Charlie the Third".

Raymond Caroon has his own mechanic shop in Coinjock.

Mary Newbern is now a Spar. She is training "Booties" in Texas.

Mollie Mae Forbes is now a dress designer in Chicago.

Edna Hampton is still wearing that fashionable hair-do. She is often seen in the Society Columns.

Alma Hayman, that Coast Guard lover, got her man, but not till she had finished her novel "Have Patience".

Geraldine Leary is just where we knew she would be. She is now instructor of Physics at E.C.T.C.

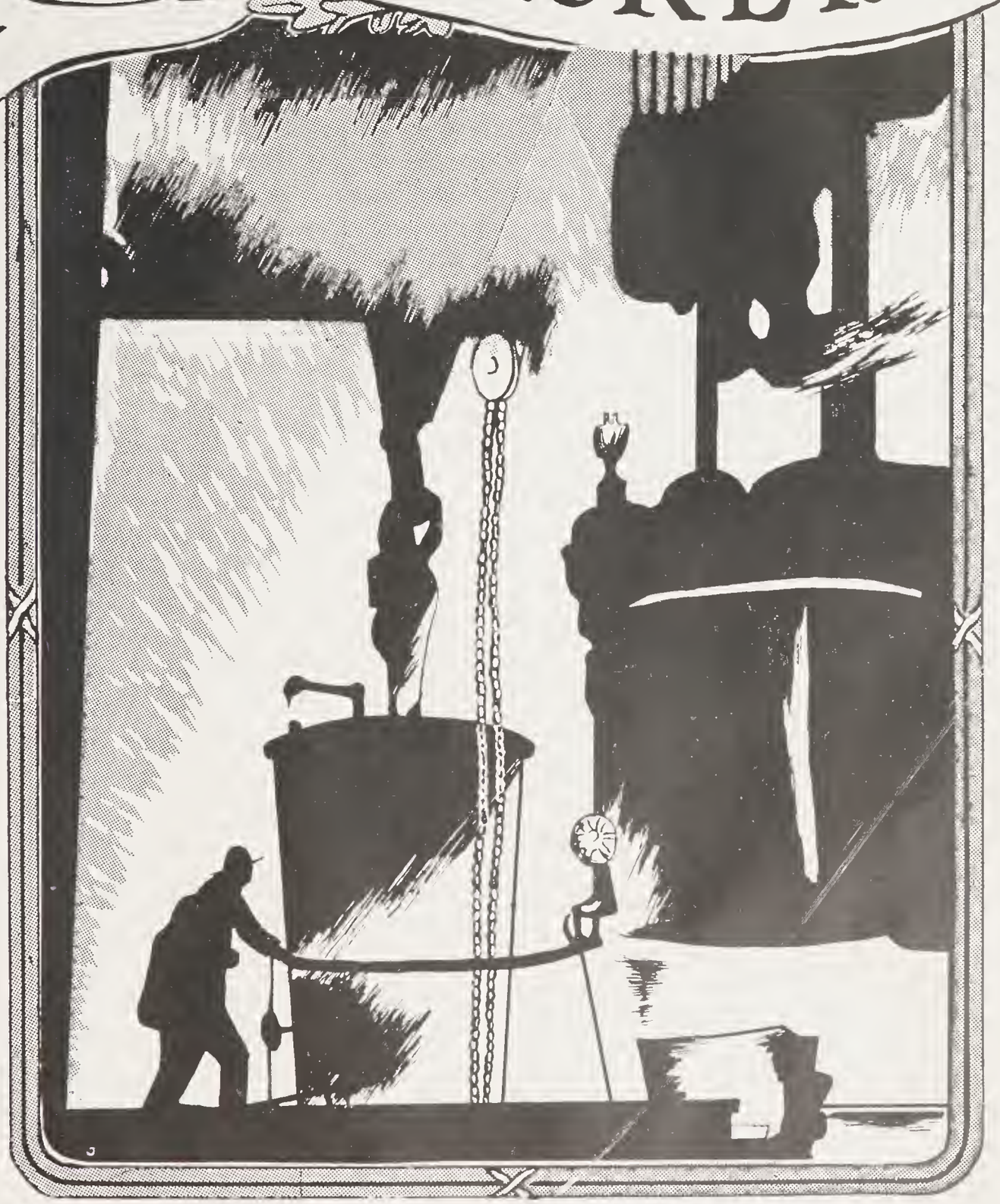
Annie Montague is in the Cadet Nurses Corps. She entered training in Texas---It had to be Texas, for some reason.

Gloria Dowdy is now in Miami, Fla. She has her own method of traveling-She follows the Navy; you know.

Helen Wright (that's me kids) is now the assistant editor of a Navy magazine. She still has dreams of South Dakota (Well, can't I dream?????)

By,
Helen Wright

OUR BACKERS



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